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FORESTATION PLAN LAGS

POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS UNCOOPERATIVE -- Zemledelsko Zname, No 995, 24 Nov 49

According to information from the Ministry of Forestry, the yearly forestation plan has been met as follows as of 21 November: new forestation, 104 percent; transplanting, 92.8 percent; planting of saplings, 67.7 percent; and restoration of decaying forests, 96.2 percent.

The State Forest Enterprise has fulfilled the plan as follows: new forestation, 138 percent; transplanting, 113 percent; planting of saplings, 56 percent; cultivation of mixed plantations, 28.8 percent; and restoration of decaying forests, 117.8 percent.

In spite of the rapidly approaching end of the season, some parts of the plan, such as planting saplings and cultivating mixed plantations, are still unfulfilled. In various parts of the country forestry work is not conducted carefully and seriously enough -- the Kyustendil, Botevgrad, and other areas are among those which are not showing satisfactory progress in their assignments and where local political organizations are not offering the necessary assistance. In some other areas, however, Fatherland Front committees have collaborated with the forestry services and good results have been obtained.

BREED FISH IN RICE FIELDS -- Zemledelsko Zname, No 991, 19 Nov 49

During 1949 the agricultural experimental station in Plovdiv has been conducting tests on breeding fish in rice fields. The purpose of the experiment is to increase the income from the fields.

The tests have revealed the following conclusions: fish breeding in rich fields has been successful and has yielded 13-24 kilograms of fish per decare. The best results were obtained by stocking 140 small fish (2-4 centimeters in size) to one decare. Three months after stocking an average of 125 small fish to a decare, the yield was 22 kilograms of fish per decare. Good results also were obtained by stocking the field with 100 small fish per decare, 20 percent of which were one-year-old fry.

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The Ministry of Agriculture is continuing the experiments on state farms and in Farm Workers' Cooperatives. If results are satisfactory, fish breeding will be introduced in every rice-growing area of the country.

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